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PLUM GOES TO GEM CITY

SOCORRO LANDS HEADQUARTERS
OF SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

RATON IS DISAPPOINTED

SUPREME COURT VOTED UNANI-
MOUSLY IN ANNOUNCING
DECISION

FEW CHANGES ARE MADE

JUDGE MERRITT C. MECHEM WILL
PRESIDE OVER THE NEW
DISTRICT

After a spirited contest on the part of Raton, the fight for the new Seventh judicial district headquarters is over. Late yesterday afternoon, the New Mexico supreme court in special session at Santa Fe, decided unanimously in favor of Socorro as the headquarters of the new district. Judge Merritt C. Mechem of Tucuman; whose confirmation as an associate justice of the supreme court and district judge, is expected next week, will preside over the new district. Judge Alford W. Cooley, the other new member of the territorial bench, will succeed Edward A. Mann as judge of the Sixth district with headquarters at Alamogordo.

In redistributing the territory for judicial purposes, so as to establish the Seventh district, Valencia county was taken from the Second district and transferred to the Seventh, which also includes Socorro and Sierra counties. Torrance county was transferred from the Sixth district to the First or Santa Fe district. The other districts remain as before as follows:

First district, Santa Fe, Judge John R. McFie; Second district, Albuquerque, Judge Ira A. Abbott; Third district, Las Cruces, Judge Frank W. Parker; Fourth district, Las Vegas, Judge W. J. Mills; Fifth district, Roswell, Judge W. H. Pope.

The Raton delegation, which went to Santa Fe determined to capture the headquarters of the new district, was of course disappointed, but as sentiment throughout the territory was overwhelmingly against the creation of a new district in the northeast portion of the territory, the decision of the supreme court in giving the plum to Socorro, meets with general approval.

The Raton people made no attempt to conceal their chagrin and immediately after it was announced that Socorro was to be the new headquarters, the Ratonites held themselves to a Santa Fe grocery store and bought lemons which each attached to the lapel of his coat, insinuating by this method, that the supreme court had handed them a lemon.

The Las Vegas delegation, which made the trip to the Capital at the last moment to look out for the interests of this city and San Miguel county, returned this noon on No. 10, including Chief Justice Mills and District Attorney C. W. G. Ward. The

result is ample evidence that they performed their duty well.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS GIVEN EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS

Yesterday, at the meeting with Governor Curry in Santa Fe, of the district attorneys of the territory every district attorney, with the exception of E. C. Abbott of Santa Fe and F. P. Wright, of Silver City, were present.

The meeting resolved itself into a general discussion of territorial conditions with regard to the official duties of the district attorneys and Governor Curry gave them explicit instructions regarding the strict enforcement of the anti-gambling law, Sunday closing law and the new statute with regard to the equalization and collection of taxes.

The equalization of taxation, and the collection of delinquent taxes were especially looked into and a general plan of procedure outlined. The recent legislature provided for a process for the collection of delinquent taxes throughout the territory and the district attorneys were instructed to proceed with the enforcement of this statute at once.

The new district attorney's law also gives the district attorneys a right to appeal in the name of the territory from the action of the board of county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization, when inequalities are discovered, as for instance in Colfax county, where grazing lands are assessed at 30 cents an acre, when in other parts of the territory the same class of lands are assessed at 50 cents an acre.

The attorney general has been instructed by the governor to at once prepare an opinion covering those phases of the anti-gambling law, which in certain sections of the territory, are becoming violated technically, that is to say, slot machines and card games are being run in a manner that is supposed to get around the provisions of the anti-gambling law. The opinion will be forthcoming in a few days.

BRUTAL MURDERER OF GIRL CONFESSES

San Francisco, July 2.—James Cunningham has confessed to the murder of Miss Caroline Brasch, cashier for Bray Brothers' Construction company, who was shot and killed in the company's office here Wednesday. Cunningham surrendered because a fellow employee of the company, J. Novak, was accused of the crime. Cunningham said he entered the building just as Novak left, and entered into a dispute with the girl over his pay check, which ended by his shooting the girl. Novak, who also had a quarrel over his pay check, was believed to be the slayer until Cunningham confessed.

JOYOUS NEWS FOR YOUNG AMERICA

Mayor K. D. Goodall informed an Optic reporter this afternoon that city ordinance No. 311, prohibiting the discharge of fireworks within the city limits, will again be suspended this year, as was done last year, for the 24 hours of the fifth of July, 1909.

It shall be lawful to discharge fireworks, with a few exceptions which will be noted in this paper tomorrow evening, in that vacant portion within the city limits towards Green's lake, lying to the east of Fifth street and to the north of Baca avenue.

In all other portions of the city such discharge is unlawful and renders the person so doing subject to arrest and punishment.

INSANE MAN WILL CURB MAKES HIS ESCAPE COCAINE EVIL

C. W. R. DOBBYNS TAKES FRENCH
LEAVE FROM TERRITORIAL
ASYLUM

DETECTIVES ON TRAIL

BREAKS LOCK ON WINDOW AND
GETS AWAY DURING THE
NIGHT

NOT CONSIDERED DANGEROUS

NO TRACE OF HIM RECEIVED UP
TO A LATE HOUR THIS
AFTERNOON

Another chapter was added to the already sensational case of C. W. R. Dobbins, the insane Santa Fe Railway machinist, when he took French leave from the territorial insane asylum, near this city, sometime during last night. Although city, county and Santa Fe special officers are searching for him, up to late this afternoon Dobbins was still at large.

Dobbins made his getaway by breaking the lock on the door of his room, on the third floor of the asylum, allowing him to reach the corridor, where he sneaked past the guard to the first floor and into a bath room. Here he forced the lock on a window and gained his liberty. Once outside the asylum, the rest was easy.

The fact that the patient was missing was discovered early this morning and the asylum authorities at once took steps to apprehend him. The city, county and Santa Fe railway special officers were notified and they began a search for Dobbins. It is not believed he can get far away. That he has evaded capture this long is probably due to the fact that he has hid himself some place.

Dobbins is considered perfectly harmless by the asylum authorities. He was recently re-committed to this institution, being brought here from the penitentiary at Santa Fe, where he was held as a jail prisoner for Colfax county, being charged with the malicious destruction of railroad property at Raton. His insanity is the result of the extreme cruelty he suffered while languishing in a Mexican prison at Monterey, Mexico, awaiting extradition, for the above offense.

It is believed that if Dobbins learns that the Santa Fe railway sleuths are on his trail again, they having chased him already from one end of the country to the other, it is more than likely this will spur him to superhuman efforts to make good his escape.

A marriage license was issued at the office of the county clerk yesterday to Mateo Medina and Miguel Espinosa, the former residing at Chupaderos and the latter at Bernal.

FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTORS AT ST. LOUIS BOUNCED

Washington, July 2.—That the federal meat inspection, as carried on in the East St. Louis stock yards, is rigid and of a high order, is the substance of the report of the investigating committee sent by Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, to inquire into the truth of the report that the inspection there has been lax and inefficient, which charge was made by Inspector Harms, one of the East St. Louis force.

"It is the belief of your committee," says the report, "that the men at the East St. Louis station, from

PRESIDENT TAFT SIGNIFIES IN-
TENTION TO AID DRUG
CRUSADE

RAVAGES OF THE HABIT

STATISTICS SHOW HAVOC IT IS
CAUSING AMONG NEGRO
RACE

WORSE THAN ALCOHOL

CONVERTS HABITUAL USERS IN-
TO FIENDS, WRECKING BOTH
HEALTH AND MINDS

New York, July 2.—That President Taft has gone carefully into the evidence of the pressing need for a tariff check on foreign cocaine, which is secretly supplied to victims of the deadly habit throughout this country, was announced in this city today. On this humanitarian phase of the tariff question the president has strongly urged the leaders in congress to consider the recommendations of the American Health league for a prohibitive duty and internal revenue restrictions, it is declared by leaders in the cocaine crusade in which this organization is active.

Through his marked interest in the problems of the south and the welfare of the negro race, it is reported that President Taft was first interested in the cause of curbing the cocaine evil. The inroads which this drug habit has made into the centers of negro population, where the results of its sale for illicit use have proved more disastrous than those of alcohol, have been called to the attention of the chief executive of the nation. The sad havoc that the secret circulation of cocaine has wrought among every class in towns all over the country has also been laid before the president.

In the White House as well as before members of congress the facts of the rapid spread of the illicit use of cocaine have been fully presented by representatives of this movement in which the American Health league is interested. While state laws act to confine the domestic product of the drug largely to the legitimate and merciful uses of the surgeon, doctor and dentist, it is shown, some dealers who pander to the cravings of the drug fiends are easily able to maintain secret sources of supply by importation from abroad. Though cocaine enough to conduct a whole operation costs less than a cent, hundreds of dollars' worth of the drug are known to be sold each year by many of its illicit purveyors.

CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES IMPROVING

Washington, July 2.—The internal revenue commerce of the United States during May, as shown by a

bulletin of the department of commerce and labor, has an optimistic tone. While the volume of live stock and grain movements is below that of the last two years, and the movement in coal and lumber is slightly checked, manufacturing and building industries are improved. The building activity in the large cities is unusually high. Traffic operations are not up to the high record of 1907, but are better than in 1908.

MRS. TAFT RECOVERING; PRESIDENT OVERJOYED

Washington, July 2.—President Taft is delighted with the progress Mrs. Taft is making toward recovery. For the first time in six weeks, Mrs. Taft lunched with the president today and seemed quite well. The attending physicians say she will have regained her health completely within two months. The president will take her to Beverly, Mass., in a few days to a cooler atmosphere.

CORNELL WINS FROM SYRACUSE IN BOAT RACES

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 2.—Cornell was successful, both in the four-oared and freshmen boat races today. The four-oar race was won by three lengths with Syracuse second. Time 10:1, breaking the world's record made by Syracuse four years ago. The Cornell freshmen crew won by a length, over Syracuse, both crews breaking their former records.

RESORT HOTEL BURNS ENTAILING BIG LOSS

Lake Placid, N. Y., July 2.—The hotel Dulseamount, one of the largest summer hotels in this district, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$200,000. There were many narrow escapes from death. One of the employees, who accused, went back for his watch and was cremated.

PRACTICAL JOKE RESULTS IN MURDER

Mahony City, Pa., July 2.—Stung to frenzy because he had to have his mustache cut off as a result of a practical joke, Esplano Tosta shot and killed Mariana Tosta, his cousin here yesterday. A week ago Mariana reached over a table and smeared chewing gum in his cousin's mustache. The latter tried several days to cut the sticky stuff out, but to no avail and finally was forced to shave off the pride of his heart. Yesterday he met his cousin on the street and opened fire on him with fatal results.

BODY FOUND IN HUDSON NOT LING'S

New York, July 2.—After the body found floating in the Hudson river last night had been all but positively identified as that of Leon Ling, the Chinaman charged with the murder of Miss Elsie Sigel, it was determined late this afternoon that the body was that of a white boy 12 years old, who was drowned up state a week ago. Thus the mystery of Ling's disappearance still remains to be solved.

STRIKING COAL MINERS ORDERED BACK TO WORK

Pittsburg, Kan., July 2.—An order was issued here today by the local board of the United Mine Workers of America, instructing all the striking miners in the Kansas district 8,000 in number, to return to work at once, pending the outcome of a conference of miners and operators at Kansas City.

FORTY LABORERS BURIED ALIVE BY LANDSLIDE

Newport, Eng., July 2.—A disastrous landslide occurred here this afternoon, while work was in progress on a mammoth new dock being constructed here and forty workmen have been buried alive in the debris. There

ALDRICH IS BOSS OF SENATE

LIKENED AS A TEACHER AND HIS
COLLEAGUES AS MERE
PUPILS

RETURNS FROM VACATION

AS A RESULT FULL MEMBERSHIP
IS PRESENT AND BUSINESS
BRISK

INCOME TAX NEAR VOTE

SPEECHES FOR AND AGAINST
MEASURE—CORPORATIONS
SEEM TO BE SAFE

Washington, July 2.—From the way the school got down to work this morning it was evident that the teacher had returned, in other words, Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee, was in his seat when the senate convened and a full quorum was ready for business. The return of Aldrich caused much speculation as to the possibility of getting a vote on the income tax proposition, and the senators believe the end is near. The fact that Senator Buckley's objection stood in the way of getting a vote next Tuesday, and as that debate seemed most exhausted, led to the conclusion that a vote would be taken then, and some believe one may be taken even tomorrow.

Business began with the presentation of petitions against the corporation tax bill, many coming from the northwest. From Spokane 106 merchants appealed in support of the bill as proposed by President Taft because it safeguarded the private information of great business interests. Another firm called the bill pernicious and wanted it killed.

Senator Heyburn, in speaking of the measure, declared the amendment too indefinite and declared the fixing of a two per cent tax on corporations renders it impossible to determine the object of the bill or to enforce its provisions because of vagueness.

Senators Aldrich and Root and others replied to these objections, saying that many distinguished lawyers had passed on it and found the bill constitutional. Senator Raynor declared it as his belief that the bill was constitutional but unjust. He said he would vote for it because he could not obtain an income tax and otherwise the government would be bankrupt. He said it could not be contended that congress had a right to tax corporations chartered by a state to carry on business.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND WORKMEN MAY STRIKE

Pittsburg, July 2.—Twenty-five thousand men will be on a strike if the second strike movement against the American Sheet and Tin Plate company takes place July 15, when the present wage schedule ends. At midnight last night the strike of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers began and this will be materially augmented by the probable strike of the Tin Plate Workers' International Protective association. The wage scale of this latter organization expires July 15.

WRIGHTS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT TRIAL AIRSHIP FLIGHTS

Washington, July 2.—After a view of the rough country near Fort Myer, over which Orville Wright will make his trial flights in the Wright aeroplane under government supervision, he declared he would rather ride over it in an aeroplane than in an automobile. It will be a unique test in many

ways as it will be the first time an aeroplane has sailed over such a rough country and the machine at one point will be 500 feet above the ground, the highest flight yet attempted. While many new obstacles are presented, the brothers have no fear that the trials, which will probably begin tomorrow, will be successful.